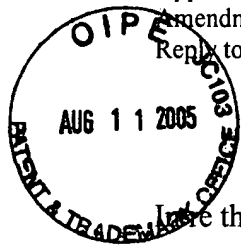


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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2005 and the Advisory Office Action mailed July 1, 2005. The Final Office Action set a three month deadline, making this paper due by **June 17, 2005**. A request for an extension of time and for continued examination pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted concurrently with this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No 19-0733. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.